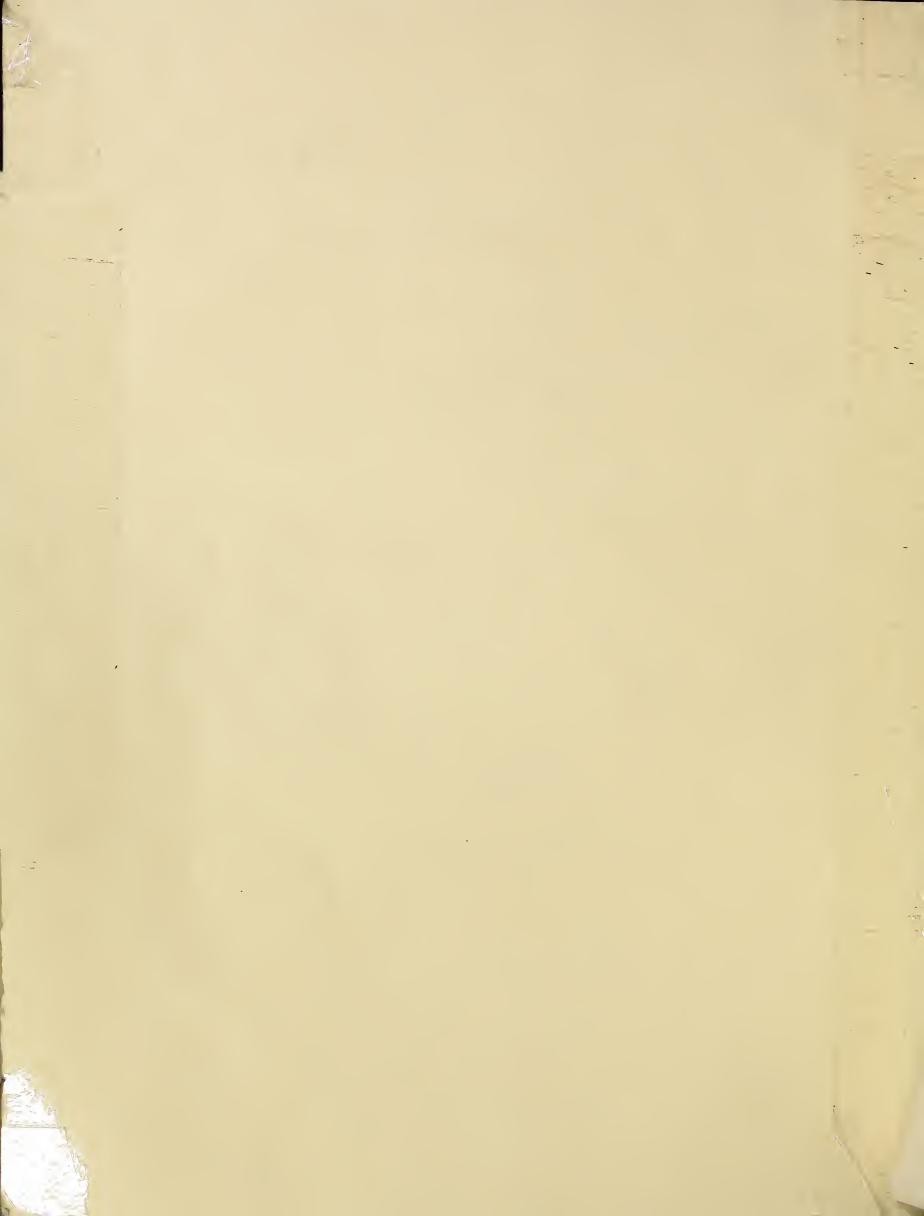
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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

("SDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Sept. 2, 1949)

SAN FRANCISCO -- Ang. 30 -- Grapes head the list as a Best Buy this week.

Good Buys are Kadota figs, Bartlett pears, peaches, and watermelons, followed by cantaloups as a Fairly Good Buy.

Rating as Fair Buys are apples, strawberries, and Persian melons.

From the vegetable bin the Best Buys are celery, Bell peppers,

cauliflower, eggplant, and tomatoes.

Crookneck), cucumbers, cabbage, beans, carrots, Brussels sprouts, sweetpotatoes, corn, spinach, Long White potatoes, and cultivated mishrooms. Fairly Good Buys are peas, lettuce, parsnips, bunched vegetables, broccoli, medium size dry onions, Russet potatoes, and okra.

Fair Buys are artichokes, jumbo dry onions, and rhibarb.

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market during the past week. Frices on all fresh and cured meats held unchanged from the previous week. Sales by local slaughtering plants to retailers were active, while sales to jobbers slackened a little.

Consumer demand was comparatively good. Live and dressed lamb was in rather light supply and there was speculation that prices were about to be raised along the west coast, following the trend of mid-western and eastern markets. In expectation of the movement of the spring pig crop to market, the slaughter and cutting of hogs was maintained on a day-to-day basis.

Western butter production continued to decline during the past week, but the San Francisco market continued weak. Offerings of top grades of butter were liberal, but the demand was light. Prices held unchanged with grades A & AA (1st Quality) butter selling to retailers at $66\frac{1}{2}$ to $68\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound in cartons of 1/4 pound prints. Grade B (2nd Quality) butter sold to retailers at $64\frac{1}{2}$ to 66 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4 pound prints. Retail sales of butter at San Francisco increased 5 percent over the previous week and were $16\frac{1}{2}$ percent greater than the same week last year.

The local demand for eggs was only moderately active, but supplies of top quality Large, Medium and Small eggs were short of full needs. Grade "A" Large eggs in cartons sold to retailers about 1/2 cent higher at 66 to $67\frac{1}{2}$ cents per dozen. Grade "A" Medium eggs in cartons sold 2 to 3 cents higher at 59 to 61 cents per dozen.

Dressed poultry was in fairly good demand during the past week and supplies were adequate. Colored fryers and roasters were down about 1 to 2 cents per pound in price, broilers were up 1 cent, and colored hens sold 2 to 3 cents higher per pound.

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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Sept. 9, 1949)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6 -- Grapes and watermelons are listed as Good Buys this week, followed by cantaloups, white figs and pears as Fairly Good Buys.

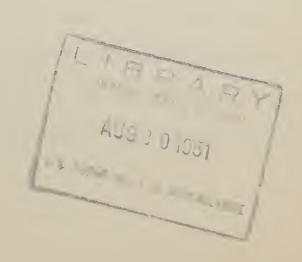
Apples, strawberries and peaches are rated as Fair Buys.

Best Brys from the vegetable bin are celery, Bell peppers, carliflower, eggplant and tomatoes.

Good Brys are cucumbers, cabbage, corn, spinach, Long White potatoes and Brussels sprouts. Listed as Fairly Good Brys are mishrooms, peas, lettuce, broccoli, Russet potatoes, okra, artichokes and soft squash (Italian, Summer and Crookneck).

Rhubarb is rated as a Fair Buy.

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Supplies of most meats increased in the San Francisco wholesale market during the past week, but trade activity was uneven. Fresh steer and cow beef carcasses were unchanged in price, but most steer and heifer beef cuts sold \$1 to \$2 higher. Hindquarters, forequarters, chucks and short plates were up \$1 per hundredweight, while loins and ribs sold about \$2 higher. Fresh veal, calf and lamb carcasses sold unchanged, but Good grade mutton carcasses were \$2 to \$3 higher per hundredweight, Commercial grade was up \$1 to \$2 and Utility grade was \$1 higher. Fresh and cured pork prices were uneven with many cuts selling \$1 to \$2 lower on the low side of the price range.

Top grades of bitter were in liberal supply in the San Francisco market and the trading was moderate. Grades A and AA (1st Quality) butter sold to retailers 1-1/2 cents higher at 68 to 70 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-1b. prints. Grade B (2nd Quality) butter sold to retailers unchanged at 64½ to 66 cents per pound. Retail sales in the San Francisco area for the week ended August 27 were 3.38 percent more than the previous week and more than 10 percent greater than the same week last year.

Receipts of local eggs showed a substantial increase over the same week last year and there was a good demand for top quality large and medium sizes. Grade A Large eggs in cartons sold to retailers 1 cent higher at 67 to 68 cents per dozen, and Grade A Medium eggs in cartons were 1 to 2 cents higher at 61 to 62 cents per dozen.

The demand for <u>dressed porltry</u> was moderate to heavy. Roasters and colored fryers were in especially good demand, while hens moved more slowly and supplies were in excess of the demand. Lightweight colored fryers and colored hens were 1 cent lower per pound in price than the previous week, and young tom turkeys sold down about 2 cents on the low side of the price range. The movement of turkeys to market continued moderate.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Sept. 16, 1949)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13 --- Among the fruits, grapes are the Best Buy of the week.

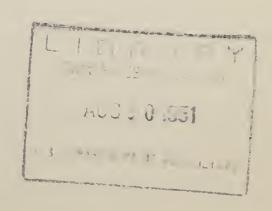
Watermelons are a Good Buy, followed by Idaho prines as a Fairly Good Buy and strawberries, Bartlett pears, peaches (mostly Hales from Oregon) and Persian Melons as Fair Buys.

For those who like pomegranates, it will be welcome news that the first of the season have begin to arrive on the market.

From the vegetable bin, the Best Buys of the week are cauliflower, celery, Bell peppers, (slightly higher) and spinach.

Classed as Good Buys are beans, Brussels sprouts, carrots, cabbage, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, large yellow onions, parsnips, soft squash (higher), new-crop sweetpotatoes (slightly lower), and tomatoes (slightly higher).

Broccoli and artichokes are Fairly Good Buys, along with lettuce (higher), mushrooms, and okra.



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During last week's short, in-between-holiday period of trading in the San Francisco wholesale meat market, demand centered on Good grade carcasses of beef and a limited supply of fresh pork cuts. As a result, ample offerings of Commercial and Utility grades of beef accumulated to some extent. Veal and calf, as well as spring lamb, were in fairly good demand. Prices held practically unchanged on all classes of meat, but dropped 50 cents per hundredweight on refined lard.

Bitter prices are inchanged from last week in the San Francisco wholesale market, where Grades A&AA (1st Quality) are selling to retailers at 68 to 70 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Grade B(2nd Quality) is quoted to retailers at $64\frac{1}{2}$ to 66 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Although production in the western states continues to decline, with output for the week ended Sept. 8 percent below the previous week, there is still about 28 percent more butter being produced than a year ago. Demand is moderate for the available supplies.

Although Grade "A" Large eggs have advanced 2 cents per dozen since a week ago, to a quotation of 70 to 71 cents per dozen in cartons to retailers, demand continues good. Medium and small sizes are unchanged in price, and as a result of the wider spread of prices between large and medium sizes, Mediums are in better demand. Smalls, however, are in slow demand. Receipts in the San Francisc market have been on the increase in recent weeks.

Generally speaking, supplies of poultry are ample in the San Francisco wholesale market. But supplies of top quality Leghorn hens are short of demand and have advanced 1 to 2 cents per pound as the result. Colored roasters are also up 1-cent per pound on dressed weights, while young hen and tom turkeys and rabbits are down 1-cent per pound. For the most part, demand is moderately active.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Sept. 23, 1949)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20 --- Grapes -- especially Thompson Seedless, Ribiers, and Ladyfingers -- continue as the Best Buy among the fruits.

This week's Fairly Good Buys include apples (slightly lower), cantaloups (a shade lower-priced), and watermelons.

Pears are a Fair Buy at slightly higher prices.

A few pomegranates and quinces are now on the market.

Bell peppers, spinach, tomatoes, and soft squash head the list of Best Vegetable Buys.

Next in line as Good Buys are celery, cauliflower, corn, cabbage, parsnips,

Brussels sprouts, beans, sweetpotatoes (slightly lower), peas (slightly lower),

carrots, cucumbers, eggplant, and Long White potatoes.

Lettice is commanding rather high prices and is a Fairly Good Buy, along with broccoli, okra, artichokes, mishrooms, and medium and large-sized yellow onions.



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As the result of cooler weather, the opening of school, and less than the usual volume of offerings, available most supplies in the San Francisco wholesale market have been in considerable demand the past wook. Prices held unchanged on all classes except pork loins, which were in short supply and advanced unevenly \$4 to \$5 per hundredweight on the top-side of the price range. Most of the beef supply has consisted of Commercial grade quality. Choice grade veal has also been scarce. Although prices on spring lamb held unchanged under the good demand, the undertone of the market was toward \$1 to \$2 per hundredweight higher prices. Light supplies of smoked skinned hams were in good demand at unchanged prices, while sliced bacon went up \$1 per hundredweight.

Refined lard dropped another 50 cents to \$1 per hundredweight.

Buttor prices are little changed from last week in the San Francisco wholesale market. Grades A&AA (1st Quality) have advanced 1-cent per pound to a quotation of 69 to 71 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-pound prints to retailers. Grade B(2nd Quality) has held unchanged at 64½ to 66 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-pound prints. Although production in the west declined 5 per cent for the week ended Sept. 15, output was still 21 percent above the corresponding week last year. San Francisco's retail sales are running considerably higher than last year -- around 43 percent higher.

Eggs are 2 cents per dozen higher than a week ago. Supplies of top-quality eggs fell short of meeting the good demand. In cartons to retailers quotations are: Grade "A" Large 72 to 73 cents per dozen; Grade "A" Mediums 64 to 66 cents per dozen; Grade "A" Smalls 44 to 46 cents per dozen.

Fairly heavy receipts of poultry have been in moderate demand in the San Francisco wholesale market. Prices are unchanged from a week ago on all classes, except hens. All weights of Leghorn and colored hens are selling 1 to 2 cents per pound lower, dressed.

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(USDA Food Bullotin for the week ended Sept. 30, 1949)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sopt. 27--- Grapes -- Thompson Sondless, Muscats, Ribiers, Tokays -- continue to take top billing as the week's Best Buy in fruits.

Apples and watermelons are Fairly Good Buys, while pomegranates may be classed as a Fair Buy.

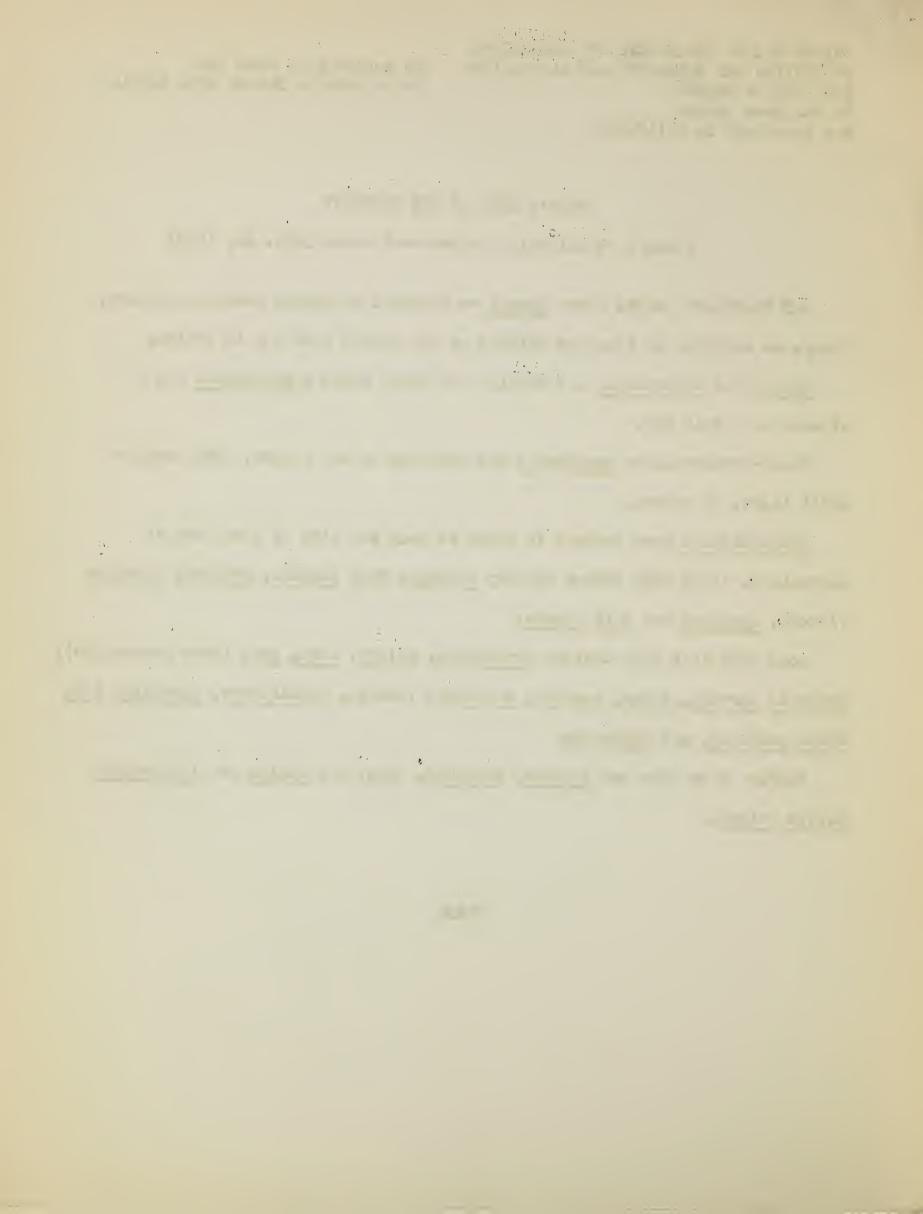
First-of-the-season persimmons are arriving on the market, with supplies still light, of course.

Sweetpotatoos have dropped in price to head the list of Best Buys in vegetables, along with better quality cabbage, Bell peppers, spinach, tomatoos (lower), eggplant and soft squash.

Good Buys this week include artichokes, celery, corn, peas (more reasonable),
Brussels sprouts, beans, carrots, cucumbers (lower), cauliflower, parsnips, Long
White potatoes, and mushrooms.

Fairly Good Buys are lettuce, broccoli, ckra, and medium and large-sized yellow onions.





Last week's above average temperatures curtailed demand for fresh meats in the San Francisco wholesale market. On beef, there were some accumulations — especially on Commercial grade — and some price concessions were made. Veal, calf, spring lamb and mutton all held unchanged in price. Lower prices on live hogs were reflected in lower prices on fresh pork and some smoked and cured cuts. Pork loins lost practically all of the gains made the previous week and dropped \$2.00 to \$4.00 per hundredweight. Fresh hams also dropped \$4.00 per hundredweight, while No. 1 picnics were down \$1.00. Smoked hams sold \$4.00 to \$5.00 lower, but bacon was in limited supply and advanced \$3.00 to \$4.00 per hundredweight. Refined lard packed in 1-lb. cartons dropped another 50 cents per hundredweight.

In the wholosale butter market demand is rather slow for ample supplies of local butter. Prices have sagged 1/2-cent per pound on top grades but have held unchanged on lower grades. Grades A&AA(1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at $68\frac{1}{2}$ to $70\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-pound prints. Grade B(2nd Quality) is quoted at $64\frac{1}{2}$ to 66 cents. For the week ended Sept. 22, production in the Pacific Coast and mountain states scored a gain of 1 percent over the previous week and was 21 percent above the same date last year.

With supplies of eggs more than ample for domand, prices have dropped 2 cents on Grade "A" Large eggs on sales to rotailors, and 4 cents per dozen on Grade "A" Mediums. Grade "A" Large are quoted to retailors at 70 to 71 cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade "A" Mediums at 60 to 62 cents per dozen in cartons. Grade "A" Smalls are unchanged from last week at 44 to 46 cents per dozen in cartons.

Generally, supplies of dressed poultry have been ample for demand, but large colored reasters and small broilers are fairly scarce. Prices have advanced 1-cent per pound on all weights of dressed fryers. Young turkey hons are also up 1 to 2 cents per pound from a week ago. All other classes are unchanged in price.

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